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Mr. Mike Fish
Potlatch Corporation
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RE: Avery Railroad Dump and Roundhouse
CERCLIS # IDD984666313

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Dear Mr. Fish:

Per our conversation on April 20, 1992, this letter confirms my visit to the Avery Railroad Dump and Roundhouse, located in Avery, Idaho, on May 5, 1992 at 10:00 A.M. In addition, you are requested to provide copies of recent sampling or monitoring information that has been gathered since May of 1991.

The inspection will be performed by URS Consultants, Inc. (URS). URS is an authorized contractor of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Contract No. 68-W9-0054) and is acting as field investigators for EPA. The investigators may be accompanied by representatives from EPA, the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality, or both.

Under Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), EPA has the authority to gain access to, and request information from, sites where any hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants may have been released or are threatened to be released, or may have been generated, stored, treated, disposed of, or transported to or from. If access to the site is not granted, or information is not provided, EPA has the authority to issue a compliance order to gain access or obtain information, and may seek civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each day of noncompliance.

Avery Railroad Dump and Roundhouse will be inspected to determine the impact or potential impact of any hazardous substances which have been, are or may be released to the environment at or from the facility, or may have migrated to the facility from some other facility. The field investigators will:

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- Meet the site owner or representative on the date and time specified above.
- Interview the site owner or representative to confirm existing information (i.e., address, total area, etc.).
- Perform a site walk-through and visual inspection with the site owner or representative.
- Take photographs of the site.
- Collect all pertinent information including manifests, site maps, sampling results, etc., from the site owner or representative.

The inspection findings will be documented in a report which will provide a basis for EPA to determine if any further action is appropriate at the site. The completed report will be made available to you by EPA.

Your company may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information entitled to protection under 40 C.F.R., Part 2, Subpart B. All confidential material must be separately submitted, marked "confidential," and include the basis of your claim. EPA will treat such information as set forth in the cited subpart.

If you have any questions regarding our site visit, please contact me at (206) 623-1800. Please contact Monica Rolluda at the EPA at (206) 553-0323 if you have questions regarding the purpose of this inspection.

Sincerely,



Kara J. Steward
Environmental Scientist

Enclosure

cc: Monica Rolluda, USEPA Region 10 HW-113, Seattle, Washington
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